

EARN YOUR GED FOR FREE AND GET A \$500 BONUS!



Earn your GED for free through the SC Department of Education program while still receiving UI benefits. GED training is UI-approved, and the weekly work search is waived while you are in training. There's no better time to earn your GED than right now. If you begin a high school diploma or GED program while receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits, you may be eligible to receive a **\$500 bonus** from the state of South Carolina when you earn your GED!

If you're already participating in the GED program:

Congrats on taking this momentous first step! Be sure you earn your GED by June 1, 2022 to receive your \$500 bonus. You've got this!

If you haven't yet started the GED program:

There's no better time than right now to earn your GED. Adult Education programs allow you to prepare and take the GED tests for free, and if you earn your GED by June 1, 2022, you'll get a bonus \$500!

To receive the \$500 bonus, you must:

- Have an active claim from any of the state or federal unemployment insurance program. as of 6/25/2021.
- Establish an active claim after 6/25/2021 and prior to June 1, 2022.
- Be a South Carolina resident.
- Be at least 19 years old.
- Prove that you do not currently hold a GED or high school diploma from any state.
- Enroll in and complete the GED or high school diploma course work prior to June 1, 2022.

A one-time payment in the amount of \$500 will be made to each person who successfully received the GED or diploma. Payments will be on a first-come, first-served basis, based on completion date.

There's no better time than right now! Go to dew.sc.gov/ged-free to find out the specifics about the test and find **free** studying materials too!

